

Table 18-3
Refused legal aid applications by reason for refusal, criminal and civil matters — Coverage restrictions

	Total		Criminal matters		Civil matters	
	number		percent		number	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...
Prince Edward Island						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...
Nova Scotia						
2004/2005	65	47	72	18	28	
2005/2006	56	29	52	27	48	
2006/2007	94	57	61	37	39	
2007/2008	133	63	47	70	53	
2008/2009	158	66	42	92	58	
New Brunswick						
2004/2005	..	..	...	..	..	...
2005/2006	..	..	...	..	..	...
2006/2007	..	..	...	..	..	...
2007/2008	292	268	92	24	8	
2008/2009	312	297	95	15	5	
Quebec						
2004/2005	7,303	3,253	45	4,050	55	
2005/2006	6,987	3,303	47	3,684	53	
2006/2007	6,552	2,965	45	3,587	55	
2007/2008	6,362	2,974	47	3,388	53	
2008/2009	6,204	2,826	46	3,378	54	
Ontario ¹						
2004/2005	11,496	..	...	..	..	...
2005/2006	10,579	6,307	60	4,272	40	
2006/2007	11,194	..	...	..	..	...
2007/2008	10,128	..	...	..	..	...
2008/2009	9,868	..	...	..	..	...
Manitoba ²						
2004/2005	304	26	9	278	91	
2005/2006	235	24	10	211	90	
2006/2007	431	175	41	256	59	
2007/2008	356	139	39	217	61	
2008/2009	321	200	62	121	38	
Saskatchewan						
2004/2005	211	191	91	20	9	
2005/2006	119	109	92	10	8	
2006/2007	176	166	94	10	6	
2007/2008	117	109	93	8	7	
2008/2009	88	77	88	11	13	
Alberta						
2004/2005	2,874	2,011	70	863	30	
2005/2006	2,729	1,826	67	903	33	
2006/2007	2,262	1,749	77	513	23	
2007/2008	2,402	1,853	77	549	23	
2008/2009	2,389	1,821	76	568	24	
British Columbia						
2004/2005	5,386	2,611	48	2,775	52	
2005/2006	5,192	2,606	50	2,586	50	
2006/2007	4,425	2,360	53	2,065	47	
2007/2008	3,824	2,207	58	1,617	42	
2008/2009	4,568	2,242	49	2,326	51	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
Yukon						
2004/2005	5		1	20	4	80
2005/2006	14		7	50	7	50
2006/2007	7		3	43	4	57
2007/2008	10		3	30	7	70
2008/2009	7		1	14	6	86
Northwest Territories						
2004/2005	28		10	36	18	64
2005/2006	33		2	6	31	94
2006/2007	33		3	9	30	91
2007/2008	27		9	33	18	67
2008/2009	28		7	25	21	75
Nunavut						
2004/2005	21		2	10	19	90
2005/2006	30		2	7	28	93
2006/2007	27		0	0	27	100
2007/2008	..		..	...	..	...
2008/2009	0		0	0	0	0
Total						
2004/2005	...		...	...	...	...
2005/2006	...		...	...	...	...
2006/2007	...		...	...	...	...
2007/2008	...		...	...	...	...
2008/2009	...		...	...	...	...

1. Ontario has 79 legal aid clinics that are independent, non-profit organizations funded by the legal aid plan. Staff lawyers and community legal workers at these clinics provide legal aid services primarily in "other" civil matters, particularly in the area of poverty law which includes, social assistance/income maintenance, landlord and tenant, workers' compensation, criminal injuries compensation, and refugee and immigration matters. In 2008/2009, these clinics accounted for 51% of applications refused for financial ineligibility. Beginning in 2005/2006, counts for lack of merit are included in coverage restrictions.
2. In 2005/2006, Manitoba began to issue one legal aid certificate per matter. This led to an increase in the count for total, approved and refused legal aid applications. In 2006/2007, the use of certificate equivalents initiated by staff was discontinued, resulting in a decrease in the count for total and approved applications and an increase in refused applications.

Note(s): For more details on legal aid concepts and terminology please refer to the glossary.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Legal Aid Survey 3308.